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May 7, 2016



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ON THE FRONT COVER: “Wild Ricing Moon” sculpture by internationally known sculptor and leading environmental artist, John David Mooney, represents the full rice-harvesting moon of late summer. The outstretched diagonal shaft moving through the circle represents a rice stem and also depicts the North Shore of Lake Superior. “Wild Ricing Moon” credits the Ojibwe people for their custodial care of the environment and for the tradition of living in respect for and in harmony with nature. Photography by Aurora Grant

INSIDE PAGES: Photography by Morgan Reckinger, 2016 UMD Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Photography minor, and by Brett Groehler, Director of Photography, Marketing & Public Relations.

116th UMD COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 - AMSOIL ARENA, DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT CONVENTION CENTER
Chancellor Lendley C Black, Presiding

PRELUDE CONCERT
UMD Symphonic Wind Ensemble
MARK WHITLOCK, Conductor

“Choral and Shaker Dance” (John Zdechlik)
“Yorkshire Ballad” (James Barnes)
“Olympic Fanfare and Theme” (John Williams/Curnow)

PROCESSIONAL
“Pomp and Circumstance” (Sir Edward Elgar)
“Hail Minnesota” (Truman E Rickard & Arthur Upson)
Please stand during the Procession and remain standing for the Presentation of the Colors and the National Anthem.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
Air Force ROTC Detachment 420 Color Guard

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Led by ZACHARY WINKLER
2016 Bachelor of Arts, Voice
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HONOR SONG
MA-IIN-GAN Singers, Traditional Ojibwe Drum
Fond du Lac Reservation
In Anishinaabe culture, the Honor Song recognizes, honors, and celebrates accomplishments, both individual and group.

WELCOME
CHANCELLOR LENDLEY C BLACK

GREETINGS AND REMARKS
REGENT DAVID McMILLAN

STUDENT SPEAKER, MORNING CEREMONY
SKYE JOHNSON
College of Education & Human Service Professions

STUDENT SPEAKER, AFTERNOON CEREMONY
CARISSA KLONCZ
Swenson College of Science & Engineering

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
CHANCELLOR LENDLEY C BLACK

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
SENATOR AL FRANKEN

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY
BRIAN LEVIN-STANKEVICH, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CONFERRAL OF DOCTORAL DEGREES
CONFERRAL OF MASTER’S DEGREES
CONFERRAL OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
REGENT DAVID McMILLAN

Morning Ceremony
JILL PINKNEY PASTRANA, Dean
College of Education & Human Service Professions

SUSAN MAHER, Dean
College of Liberal Arts

WILLIAM PAYNE, Dean
School of Fine Arts

Afternoon Ceremony
AMY HIETAPELTO, Dean
Labovitz School of Business & Economics

JOSHUA HAMILTON, Dean
Swenson College of Science & Engineering

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016
CHANCELLOR LENDLEY C BLACK

ALMA MATER SONG OF THE UNIVERSITY
“Hail! Minnesota” (Truman E Rickard & Arthur Upson)
Led by ZACHARY WINKLER
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ALUMNI MESSAGE
BONNIE EDWARDS, past President
Alumni Association Board

RECESSIONAL
“Auld Lang Syne” (Karl L King)
“UMD Rouser” (D L Olson)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Whether the individual is the first or last to receive a degree in the graduation ceremony, the conferring of that degree is a very special event for every graduate and family. It is requested that everyone remain seated until the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

THE 2016 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

SENATOR AL FRANKEN

First elected in 2008, Al Franken is serving his second term in the U.S. Senate. Before running for office, he spent 37 years as a comedy writer, author, and radio talk show host. He has also taken part in seven USO tours, visiting and performing for our troops overseas in Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Uzbekistan, as well as four times in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. He met his wife Franni in 1973 and they've been married for over 40 years. They have two grown children, Thomasin and Joe, and two young grandchildren, Joe and Jacob.

After arriving in Washington, D.C., Senator Franken sought a seat on the Education Committee, where he has made college affordability a top priority. One of his first efforts was to organize college affordability roundtables at schools across the state – including UMD – to allow students to discuss this important issue. Since then, he has pushed several measures to bring college costs down, and introduced legislation to allow students to refinance their loans, to strengthen Pell Grants, and to provide other resources to make a college education more affordable and accessible.



STUDENT SPEAKERS

SKYE JOHNSON

*College of Education & Human Service Professions
Social Work*



Most people would agree that there are lessons in life that aren't taught in a classroom. Those lessons are often hard and painful. The beauty of college is that sometimes those life lessons become the foundation for an area of study. Skye Johnson took the pain and confusion of a difficult childhood and transformed it into a degree in Social Work, with a minor in Psychology. In addition to a full course load, she's held a full time job since her sophomore year. For the past two years she's worked on the mental health team at Woodland Hills supporting youth ages 12 to 18. She is proud of her work. "When I was a kid, I had to go through a lot of things by myself" Skye says. "I get to be there for the kids day-to-day and develop a rapport with them." Skye plans on staying in Duluth and continuing to make a difference in the lives of young people.

CARISSA KLONCZ

*Swenson College of Science & Engineering
Chemical Engineering B.S.Ch.E.*



When she arrived at UMD, Carissa hit the ground running and hasn't stopped since. An interest in solid biofuels at Burnsville High School led her to an internship at UMD's Natural Resources Research Institute, where, since her freshman year, she has focused on repurposing waste materials and advancing wood energy products. She served as president of both the Society of Women Engineers and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at UMD, mentoring underclassmen and encouraging them in their exploration of engineering. Her passion for involvement has extended into the community. She volunteered at local science fairs and introduced middle school students to engineering concepts during a hands-on "Spring Into Engineering" event earlier this year. A Chemical Engineering major with minors in Environmental Engineering and Energy Engineering, Carissa envisions her dream job in product development within the alternative energy industry. But, as she's quick to point out, "There are endless opportunities."

STUDENT AWARDS

SIEUR DU LUTH AWARD

GE-WADEN DUNKLEY

*College of Education & Human Service Professions
College of Liberal Arts
Psychology, American Indian Studies*

Ge-Waden Dunkley earned majors in Psychology and American Indian Studies and a minor in Ojibwe Language. He initially liked UMD for its connected campus, as he uses a wheelchair following a 2010 car accident, but it was the American Indian focused programs that truly impressed him. A member of the Bois Forte Band, Ge-Waden was one of five students who reinvigorated the Anishinaabe Student Organization (ASO). "I enjoyed working together with all of these other Native students to build the club," he says. The ASO works to raise awareness of American Indian culture on campus and in the community. Ge-Waden served as treasurer his first year and then as president the next three years. He plans to attend law school and then "Go back to the reservation and help my people anyway I can." He credits his wife, Gabrielle Benjamin-Dunkley, who is graduating with majors in Biology and American Indian Studies, as a big influence in his life: "I couldn't have done any of this, if it wasn't for her."

SIEUR DU LUTH AWARD

THELMY MALDONADO

*College of Education & Human Service Professions
Bachelor of Social Work*

Thelmy Maldonado's involvement on campus has been truly exemplary. Since fall 2012, she's been an intern in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, designing/organizing events as well as working with student leaders. Recently she also interned at Life House working with at-risk youth. Thelmy was one of three coordinators who planned and helped implement the 2015 Bulldog Welcome Week, describing it as "one of the highlights of my college journey." Active with Students Today Leaders Forever, Thelmy has spent her past four spring breaks on community service trips across America. She is a member of the first cohort of students graduating from the Bachelor of Social Work program. After graduation, she will take a year "off," possibly with AmeriCorps, and then pursue a graduate degree. In her career, she'd like to work with young kids, high school students, or college students. Whoever she works with, it's guaranteed that Thelmy will serve them with passion and commitment.



STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

TRAVIS EISENBACHER

*Labovitz School of Business & Economics
Financial Markets*

A junior majoring in Financial Markets, Travis Eisenbacher wanted an internship that was both interesting and challenging, and he found it as the undergraduate research assistant for the Labovitz School of Business and Economics' Bureau of Business & Economic Research (BBER). His duties included data collection from primary and secondary sources, economic modeling and analysis, and assisting with publications and presentations. One of his favorite research projects was "The Economic Impacts of the Declining Walleye Population on Tourism in the Lake Vermillion Region." Travis recalls, "It started out straight forward but the more I dug into it, the more I was finding new angles." In their Student Employee of the Year nomination, the BBER said about that study, "In the end, the report was one of the most thorough and comprehensive that our office has ever completed, largely due to Travis's work." They added, "Truthfully, we wish we could hire him permanently."

UNIVERSITY OF MN SYSTEM AWARD

HORACE T. MORSE - UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

This honor is awarded to exceptional faculty across the University of Minnesota system who exemplify the University's commitment to excellence in undergraduate education.

BRIAN MCINNIS, *Assistant Professor, College of Education & Human Service Professions*

Dr. Brian D. McInnes is a professional educator dedicated to diversity education, youth engagement, and organizational leadership. Brian is an Assistant Professor in the University of Minnesota Duluth's Department of Education, where he teaches in both undergraduate licensure and graduate programs. As the coordinator of the Ojibwe Education, and contact person for the Teaching World Languages (French, German, and Spanish) programs, Brian helps develop intercultural understanding through celebrating linguistic and cultural diversity in his work. He has founded programs such as the University of Minnesota Duluth's Enweyang Ojibwe Language Nest and helps empower his students in creating their own spaces for critical change and inspired learning. He has received over one million dollars in grants for language revitalization and developing leadership skills for youth-at-risk. His latest work, *Sounding Thunder: The Stories of Francis Pegahmagabow*, will be published in 2016 by Michigan State University Press.



UMD FACULTY AWARDS & RECOGNITION

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

This award recognizes faculty who have made contributions to the teaching mission of UMD that are of extraordinary quality and reflect UMD's emphasis on high quality undergraduate and graduate education. This award honors faculty for innovative pedagogy, development of creative and critical thinking, student mentoring, commitment to liberal education, leadership, and impact within a department.

SHANNON STEVENSON, *Assistant Professor, Biology, Swenson College of Science & Engineering*

Shannon Stevenson received her BA in Biology from Carleton College (Northfield, MN) and her PhD in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California Berkeley where she focused her research on the role of signal transduction in cancer cell growth. She then completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California San Francisco studying host-pathogen interactions before joining the faculty at UMD in 2007. Dr. Stevenson now focuses on exploring methods for improving teaching of large introductory courses and is interested in how active learning in the classroom can improve student success and engagement in biology. She has also worked to improve writing instruction in the Department of Biology and helped develop the Duluth Journal of Undergraduate Biology as a venue for UMD students to publish their scientific work.



CHANCELLOR’S DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD

This award honors faculty for their excellence in research or creative activity, scholarly or artistic contributions to individual disciplines and dedication to student research.

VIKTOR NEMYKIN, *Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Swenson College of Science & Engineering*
Victor Nemykin obtained his B.S./M.S. degree from Kiev State University, Ukraine and Ph.D. from the Institute of General and Inorganic Chemistry, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine. After spending several years at Tohoku University in Japan and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Dr. Nemykin joined UMD in 2004. He is co-author of more than 170 peer-reviewed research papers, three book chapters, and is currently among the top five most cited researchers at UMD. His research in the field of functional materials attracted more than \$2.1 million dollars in funding over the last ten years. Dr. Nemykin advises about twenty graduate and over forty undergraduate research students at UMD.



CHANCELLOR’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

This award honors faculty who have demonstrated extraordinary and sustained commitment to public service and community engagement. This award recognizes faculty who have demonstrated an integration of civic and community engagement in their teaching, shown leadership in advancing students’ civic learning, conducted community-based research, fostered community partnerships, promoted the scholarship of engagement among their colleagues, or made contributions to positive change on issues of public concern.

SHANE D. COURTLAND, *Assistant Professor, Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts*
Shane D. Courtland received a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Tulane University. In addition to his Assistant Professor responsibilities, he is also the director of the Center for Ethics and Public Policy. He has published articles on Hobbesian applied ethics in the *Journal of Environmental Philosophy* and the *Journal of Applied Philosophy*. Dr. Courtland is currently working on an edited volume, *Hobbesian Applied Ethics and Public Policy* (Routledge 2017). His other publications have appeared in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Hobbes Studies*, *Journal of Mind & Behavior* (forthcoming), *Reason Papers*, the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, and *Routledge’s Political Ethics* (forthcoming).



Since September 2011, Dr. Courtland has been the Director of UMD’s Center for Ethics and Public Policy. The Center holds public lectures and panel discussions that frequently attract media attention. For his work with the Center, he has been featured in an article “4 under 40” in *Duluth~Superior Magazine* (January 2013: pp. 8-9). Dr. Courtland has also been nominated, twice, for the UMD MNCC Civic Engagement Steward Award (2012 & 2013). Last December, he was invited to discuss his work with the Center in a panel discussion “Philosophy in Demand: In Business, Policy, Journalism, and Life” at the Eastern meeting of the American Philosophical Association. In addition, he is a successful fundraiser for the Center. In the last 14 months, Dr. Courtland raised over \$40,000 in foundational grants.

ALBERT TEZLA TEACHER/SCHOLAR AWARD

This award is given annually to a faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts or the School of Fine Arts who has an exceptional and effective teaching style that emphasizes the worth of research in a learned discipline and the maturing impact scholarly activity has on the development of human attitudes and values.

CHONGWON PARK, *Associate Professor, Writing Studies, College of Liberal Arts*
Chongwon Park is Associate Professor of Linguistics and Head of the Department of Writing Studies, where he has taught since 2005. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2005. His research interests include cognitive linguistics, syntax, and morphology, and he teaches both lower and upper division linguistics courses on those topics. He is the author of over two dozen research articles. He has recently published articles in *Studies in Language, Linguistics, Constructions and Frames*, and others.



OUTSTANDING FACULTY ADVISOR AWARDS



WENDY ANDERSON, *Assistant Professor, Social Work, College of Education & Human Service Professions*



STEVE BARDOLPH, *Associate Professor, Art & Design, School of Fine Arts*



PAUL BATES, *Assistant Professor, Biology, Swenson College of Science & Engineering*



KRISTA SUE-LO TWU, *Associate Professor, English, College of Liberal Arts*



LIN XIU, *Assistant Professor, Management Studies, Labovitz School of Business & Economics*



OUTSTANDING GRADUATE FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD
DALIBOR FRONCEK, *Professor, Math & Statistics, Swenson College of Science & Engineering*

Award Winners by UMD Student Vote		
OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS	OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR	OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
WENDY ANDERSON, <i>Assistant Professor, Social Work, College of Education & Human Service Professions</i>	JENNIFER DOEBLER, <i>Advisor, Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Orientation Programs Coordinator, Office for Students in Transition</i>	Rotaract Club
KEVIN DIEBEL, <i>Assistant Professor, Medical School Duluth</i>	ROMESH LAKHAN, <i>Advisor, Chemistry Club, Instructor, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Swenson College of Science & Engineering</i>	LEADERSHIP AWARD
JOHN HATCHER, <i>Associate Professor, Writing Studies, College of Liberal Arts</i>		MIKE KENYANYA, <i>Finance and Management Information Systems, Labovitz School of Business & Economics</i>
MEGAN STREVELER, <i>Assistant Professor, Applied Human Sciences, College of Education & Human Service Professions</i>	BULLDOG AWARD - GRADUATE	JEFRINA JAYARAJ, <i>Cell & Molecular Biology, Swenson College of Science & Engineering</i>
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ADVISORS		
AHMED HEIKAL, <i>Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Swenson College of Science & Engineering</i>	BULLDOG AWARD - UNDERGRADUATE	
GEOFF SHEAGLEY, <i>Assistant Professor, Political Science, College of Liberal Arts</i>	NATHAN ERNST, <i>Secondary Education, College of Education and Human Service Professions</i>	
OUTSTANDING STAFF	LISA HOLMAN, <i>Music, School of Fine Arts, French Studies, College of Liberal Arts</i>	
ANNA GILMORE, <i>International Student Advisor, Office of Cultural Diversity</i>	SHAWNA JOKINEN, <i>Marketing, Labovitz School of Business & Economics</i>	
JAMES VILETA, <i>Library Associate, Kathryn A. Martin Library</i>	JIREH MABAMBA, <i>Marketing and Organization Management, Labovitz School of Business & Economics</i>	
	JASMIN MELLESMOEN, <i>Biochemistry, Swenson College of Science & Engineering, Communication, College of Liberal Arts</i>	

Retiring Faculty	
ROBERT CARLSON <i>Chemistry</i>	ALEXIS POGORELSKIN <i>History</i>
BARRY JAMES <i>Math & Statistics</i>	JAMES RIEHL, <i>Dean Swenson College of Science & Engineering</i>
KANG JAMES <i>Math & Statistics</i>	GARY SHUTE <i>Computer Science</i>
JAMES MILLER <i>Earth & Environmental Science</i>	HARLAN STECH <i>Math & Statistics</i>
BRUCE MUNSON <i>Education</i>	NKASA YELENGI <i>History</i>

Doctoral Degrees		
<i>Erik Brown, Interim Director of Graduate Education</i>	Brooke Vetter Integrated Biosciences Dissertation: “Behavior and Bioacoustics of Invasive Silver (Hypophthalmichthys molitrix) and Bighead (H. nobilis) Carp” Advisor: Allen Mensinger	Xiaowei Zhao Water Resources Science Dissertation: “Bacterial Community Dynamics on Suspended Particle Microscopic Islands and Implications for the Theory of Island Biogeography” Advisor: Randall Hicks
Master’s Degrees		
MASTER OF ARTS	Samantha C. Bauer English Advisor: Craig Stroupe, Liz Wright Julia R. Brown English Advisor: Craig Stroupe, David Beard Jessica Jongquist English Advisor: John Schwetman Jennifer Elaine Trenberth English Advisor: John Schwetman Junghun Yang English Advisor: Craig Stroupe, John Schwetman Matthew Cody Daly Psychological Science Advisor: Julie Slowiak Laura Holmberg Psychological Science Advisor: Scott Carlson Kyle J. Johannessen Psychological Science Advisor: Lara LaCaille Areanna M. Lakowske Psychological Science Advisor: Julie Slowiak Hannah Lammert Psychological Science Advisor: Rick LaCaille Alison Green Shrift Psychological Science Advisor: Christopher Lake Lauren E. Vieaux Psychological Science Advisor: Lara LaCaille Michael Park Ward Psychological Science Advisor: Alexandra Luong Nathaniel Young Psychological Science Advisor: Robert Lloyd Jessa Youso Psychological Science Advisor: Alexandra Luong	Bridget A. McGugan Advisor: Alan Roline Nicole Elizabeth Pechinski Advisor: Alan Roline Chelsie Marie Peterson Advisor: Alan Roline Jonathan Chorana Pin Advisor: Alan Roline Yasmine Ramirez Advisor: Alan Roline Nathan Eugene Schroeder <i>⌘</i> Advisor: Rajiv Vaidyanathan Kelsi J. Thompson Advisor: Alan Roline Kyle Thomas Townswick Advisor: Alan Roline
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	William John Bellingham <i>⌘</i> Advisor: Alan Roline Robert Matthew Knauer Advisor: Alan Roline Crystal Delone Fort Liudahl Advisor: Alan Roline	

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MASTER’S DEGREES

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Megan Jean Brown
Advisor: Bruce Munson
Patricia Jo Crusch Carpenter
Advisor: Julie Ernst
Ryan Matthew Feldbrugge
Advisor: Ken Gilbertson
Sheila G. Fillmore
Advisor: Ken Gilbertson
Kate Marie Henry
Advisor: Julie Ernst
Amy Christine Hughes *ℳ*
Advisor: Kevin Zak
Gregory Jacob Petry
Advisor: Ken Gilbertson
Eleva A. Potter
Advisor: Ken Gilbertson

MASTER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Sarah Janel Houtkooper *ℳ*

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

David Amponsah
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Jacob C. Baxter
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Shane Thomas Collins
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Kaitlin Elizabeth DuChene
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Derek D. Engseth
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Shannon Maria Gray
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Michael Lee Hurlow
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Brian R. Jackson
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Marissa Janet Johnsen
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Jordan L. Lindberg
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Ross T. Malmgren
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Haron Maranga
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Jessy Preeth Glory Mathews
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Jon Roger McDannold
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Tyler Alexander Myrom
Advisor: Robert Feyen

Obiora C. Nnaji
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Brandon T. Peterson
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Jordan Lee Romine
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Brandon Donald Tracey
Advisor: Robert Feyen
Matthew D. Wirth *ℳ*
Advisor: Seraphin Abou, Robert Feyen

MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Sandi Beth Larson
Advisor: David Beard
Deondre Aaron Smiles
Advisor: Joseph Bauerkemper
Daisy Marie Wallace
Advisor: David Beard, Liz Wright

MASTER OF MUSIC

Robert Patrick Banks
Advisor: Rachel Inselman
Annie Rae Chernow
Advisor: Eugene Koshinski
Katheryn Ducote Hamm
Advisor: David Edmund
Christopher James Parks
Advisor: Eugene Koshinski
Anna Nicole Ramon
Advisor: David Edmund, Mark Whitlock
Zachery Aaron Wood
Advisor: Eugene Koshinski

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Taylor G. Binder
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Richard Green
Xinyue Chang
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Yang Li
Tsungai Carol Chibanga
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Desineni Naidu, Zhuangyi Liu
Soleh Khaled Dib *ℳ*
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Bruce Peckham
Vaclav Hasenohrl
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Computer Science M S
Advisor: Harlan Stech, Bruce Peckham
Su Hwan Kim
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Xuan Li
Amber F. Koslucher
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Richard Green
Qiaozhi Li
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Barry James, Kang James

Qi Jeff Liu
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Yongcheng Qi
Ying Liu
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Kang James
Olive N. Mbianda
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Joseph Gallian
Katarzyna A. Obral
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Barry James
Erik Sean Peterson *ℳ*
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Bruce Peckham
Anh Le My Phung
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Kang James
Martin Rysavy
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Joseph Gallian
Melissa M. Sandahl
Applied and Computational Mathematics
Advisor: Kang James, Yang Li
Khiem Duy Chau Nguyen
Chemistry
Advisor: Viktor Zhdankin
Megan M. Currie
Chemistry
Advisor: Ahmed Heikal
Katie Marie Dunleavy *ℳ*
Chemistry
Advisor: Anne Hinderliter
Mahtab Fathi Rasekh
Chemistry
Advisor: Viktor Nemykin
Spencer S. Gardeen *ℳ*
Chemistry
Advisor: Joseph Johnson
Chase P. Gomez *ℳ*
Chemistry
Advisor: Lester Drewes
Kaila Beth Hanson
Chemistry
Advisor: Elizabeth Austin-Minor
Shawn Charles Helmueller *ℳ*
Chemistry
Advisor: Donald Poe
Justin Wayne Hines
Chemistry
Advisor: Paul Kiprof
Cole D. Holstrom
Chemistry
Advisor: Viktor Nemykin
Benjamin Thomas Horn
Chemistry
Advisor: Anne Hinderliter, Alessandro Cembran
Hyojung Kim
Chemistry
Advisor: Joseph Johnson
Scott Clay Klasen *ℳ*
Chemistry
Advisor: Viktor Zemykin
Stephanie Ellen Greengo Kobany
Chemistry
Advisor: Anne Hinderliter
Amber C. Nelson-Porter
Chemistry
Advisor: Peter Grundt

MASTER’S DEGREES

MASTER OF SCIENCE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Nazanin Abbaszadeh Banaciyan
Advisor: M Imran Hayee
Syed Salik Hafeez
Advisor: Desineni Naidu
Yuhang Sun
Advisor: Jing Bai, Debao Zhon
Md Shaiful Islam Swapan
Advisor: Jing Bai, Debao Zhon
Attiq Uz Zaman
Advisor: M Imran Hayee

MASTER OF SCIENCE ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Jacob George Daniel *ℳ*
Advisor: Alison Hoxie
Basavaraj Dayashankar
Advisor: Ryan Rosandich
Bekam A. Merdassa
Advisor: Michael Greminger, Hongyi Chen
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Advisor: Brian Hinderliter
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Advisor: Hongyi Chen
Abdolhossein Tohidi
Advisor: Tarek Al-Geddawy
Aparajitha Varanasi
Advisor: Tarek Al-Geddawy
Shifa Wang
Advisor: Hongyi Chen, Ping Zhao
Licheng Zhu
Advisor: Hongyi Chen

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Lauretta Diane Blakely
Advisor: Priscilla Day
Jessica Marie Borden *ℳ*
Advisor: James Amell
Hilary Taylor Brown
Advisor: James Amell
Hannah Jo Checketts
Advisor: Lake Dziengel
Emily Ann Cochran
Advisor: James Amell
Daniel Dean Cousins
Advisor: Priscilla Day
Anna Rose Coyle
Advisor: James Amell
Duane Donald Dale
Advisor: James Amell
Shelby Dore
Advisor: Evelyn Campbell

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Benjamin Orpen
Chemistry
Advisor: Anne Hinderliter
Hannah Marie Rhoda
Chemistry
Advisor: Viktor Nemykin
Shawn Andrew Charles Staffki
Chemistry
Advisor: Joseph Johnson, Ahmed Heikal
Yimo Wang
Chemistry
Advisor: Grant Anderson
Anthony Michael Wertish *ℳ*
Chemistry
Advisor: Viktor Nemykin
Yan Bai
Computer Science
Advisor: Haiyang Wang
Priyankana Basak
Computer Science
Advisor: Richard Maclin
Bharath Kumar Bommana
Computer Science
Advisor: Haiyang Wang
Mounika Chillamcherla
Computer Science
Advisor: Haiyang Wang
Preethi Chimerla IV
Computer Science
Advisor: Peter Willemssen
Puja S. Davande
Computer Science
Advisor: Richard Maclin
Anicia Dcosta
Computer Science
Advisor: Peter Willemssen
Vamsidhar Reddy Kasireddy
Computer Science
Advisor: Douglas Dunham
Swetha Naidu
Computer Science
Advisor: Douglas Dunham
Logan M. Sales
Computer Science
Advisor: Peter Willemssen
Nirav Vinodkumar Sharda
Computer Science
Advisor: Douglas Dunham
Kristofer E. Asp
Geological Sciences
Advisor: James Miller Jr, Christian Schardt
Lisa Pauline Broderius *ℳ*
Geological Sciences
Advisor: Howard Mooers
Paul Donald Burley
Geological Sciences
Advisor: Howard Mooers
Laura Cappio
Geological Sciences
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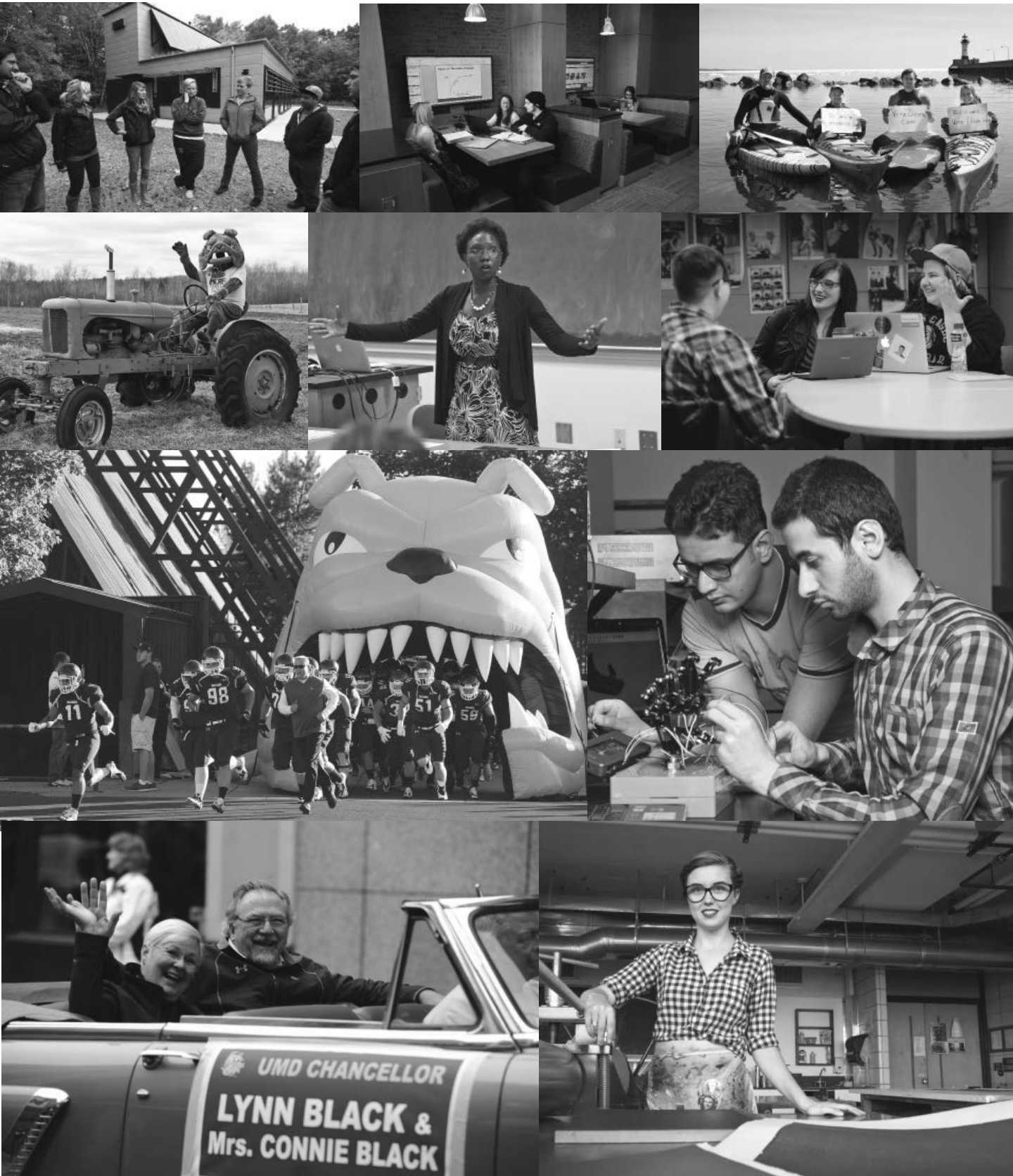
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Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Pilot,
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Contracting Officer,
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Mechanical Engineering
Pilot, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

NOLAN MYRE
Criminology
Financial Management, Mountain Home Air
Force Base, Idaho

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Psychology
Pilot, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

ZACHARY WEAVER
Civil Engineering
Pilot, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

COMMENCEMENT OFFICIALS

THE UNIVERSITY MARSHALS

A tradition since the early years of the University of Minnesota Duluth, the University Marshals are faculty and staff who volunteer to help make graduation ceremonies a memorable and enjoyable experience for all students, faculty, and guests in attendance.

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SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS
JENNA SOLEO-SHANKS, Assistant Professor, Theatre

LABOVITZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
GEOFF BELL, Associate Professor, Management Studies

SWENSON COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
JIM RIEHL, former Dean, Science & Engineering

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CORBIN SMYTH, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life

MACE BEARERS

BRIAN MCINNES, Assistant Professor, Education
College of Education & Human Service Professions



Honored with Horace T. Morse University of Minnesota Alumni Association Awards for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education (page 5).

SHANNON STEVENSON, Assistant Professor, Biology
Swenson College of Science and Engineering



Honored with Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (page 5).

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

THE GOWN: The flowing gown comes from the 12th century, evolving from the dress of medieval guilds and the early religious orders. Today it is a symbol of democracy of scholarship. It is black for all degrees with standard sleeves for the bachelor's degree recipient, long, closed sleeves for the master's, and standard or round full sleeves for the doctoral degree. For the doctoral degree, the front face of the gown has velvet panels and has three chevron bars of velvet across the sleeves in black or in the color distinctive of the faculty's discipline.

THE CAP: The black academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship and independence worn by all bachelor's and master's graduates. The term "mortar-board" is derived from the similar, four-sided mortar-board used by masons. A clue as to why Oxford faculty members chose the square cap is found in the 1564 poem. "Tis square like scholars and their books: The rest are round, but this is square to show that they more stable are." Doctoral graduates may wear a velvet tam.

THE TASSEL: Colors represent the academic discipline in each UMD school or college.

Labovitz School of Business & Economics

- drab (subdued orange) or copper

College of Education & Human Services Professions

- light blue, grey, gold, citron (yellow-green) or sage

School of Fine Arts

- brown, pink or white

College of Liberal Arts

- citron (yellow-green), gold, peacock (blue-green), purple or white

Swenson College of Science & Engineering

- gold or orange

Master's & Doctorates

- black

THE HOOD: Hoods indicate master's and doctoral degrees. The front colored band indicates the academic discipline, while the lining of the hood has a maroon chevron on a gold background to represent the University of Minnesota colors. University faculty members who hold a degree from another college or university wear the colors of their own school. The doctoral hood is longer than the master's and has a wider velvet band.

CEREMONIAL OBJECTS

THE MACE is carried by the faculty member leading the academic procession. It symbolizes leadership and authority. Use of a mace dates back to the 12th century when it was carried by kings' bodyguards.

Even in more modern times, the mace has maintained some of its ancient function of keeping order. The doorkeeper of the House of Representatives has a mace for use in formal House activities.

The mace carried in UMD's commencement procession has a glass sphere topped by the North Star; a symbol of the state of Minnesota. It also has a seal of the University set in the handle.

THE SEAL was adopted by the Board of Regents in 1939 as the corporate seal of the University of Minnesota. The Latin motto, *Omnibus artibus commune vinculum*, means "a common bond for all the arts." The lamp represents the metaphysical sciences, the telescope represents the physical sciences, the plow represents the industrial arts and the palette and brushes represent the fine arts.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FLAG depicts the Seal of the Regents of the University of Minnesota.

STUDENT HONOR MEDALLIONS

HONOR MEDALLIONS are worn by candidates for the bachelor's degree who are in the top 15% of the graduating class within their school or college.

TOP 3% (SUMMA CUM LAUDE)

TOP 5% (MAGNA CUM LAUDE)

TOP 7% (CUM LAUDE)

For the purpose of the commencement program, honors are based upon the UMD grade point average at the end of the previously completed term. Honors will be conferred as indicated on those listed and others who meet final graduation requirements.

HONOR CORDS & STOLES

- **AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (AFROTC)** - blue stole with silver trim and white embroidered Air Force symbol
- **BETA GAMMA SIGMA** - International Honor Society; blue & gold cords
- **DEPARTMENTAL HONORS** - gold cord
- **OMICRON DELTA EPSILON** - International Honor Society; blue & gold cords
- **PHI ALPHA THETA** - National History Honor Society; scarlet & grey cords
- **SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** - white, baby blue & dark blue cords
- **TAU BETA PI** - National Engineering Honor Society; white stole with an orange "bent" on the front, the symbol of the society
- **UNIVERSITY HONORS** - twisted gold and maroon cord

NON-ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

MULTICULTURAL SYMBOLS

- American Indian students graduating today may wear any of several pieces of traditional American Indian regalia including an eagle feather, which is considered sacred and represents honesty, truth, courage and wisdom; beadwork representing their tribal, clan or individual cultural designs; or traditional clothing and regalia. Some may wear a yellow, black, white and red sash that represents many things including, but not limited to: the four races, four directions, four stages of life, four seasons and the four sacred plants.
- Latino, Asian, African American, International and GLBT students may wear a stole with multiple colors. The stole has a black background, red, gold & green stripes, and letters and symbols in gold. The Ashanti Stole symbol represents royalty, the diamond (neck area) represents wealth and riches and the key represents the key of success. "Class of 2016" is woven on both sides.
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender identified students may wear a rainbow colored tassel on their mortar board.
- As part of their cultural heritage, some graduates may be wearing woven cloths with patterns and design, such as a Kente Cloth, representing their ethnicity or customs.

FOND DU LAC RESERVATION MA-IIN-GAN SINGERS

Drummers and singers from the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will perform an honor song featuring a traditional Ojibwe drum from the Fond du Lac Band. The singers are led by Mike Munnell, UMD's first American Indian Studies graduate. The group performs at dozens of events in the upper Midwest each year and is often featured at UMD events. This drum is one of the first in Minnesota to welcome women singers to sing with the male singers at the drum. This honor song offers sincere thanks and acknowledgment of accomplishments.

UMD SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble is a select unit of approximately 50 music and non-music majors and is one of the premier ensembles in the UMD Department of Music. The ensemble regularly performs new compositions for the wind band medium and programs the most outstanding literature currently available. The group tours frequently and has appeared at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Conference and the College Band Directors National Association National Conference. Besides taking regional tours, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble has also toured internationally in Brazil. Recent guest conductors and clinicians have included: Frank Ticheli, Eric Whitacre, David Gillingham, John Mackey, and Dario Sotelo.

ANTHEMS

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming.
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

HAIL! MINNESOTA

Minnesota, Hail to thee!
Hail to thee, our College dear!

Thy light shall ever be
A beacon bright and clear;

Thy sons and daughters true
Will proclaim thee near and far;

They will guard thy fame
And adore thy name;

Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Like the stream that bends to sea,
Like the pine that seeks the blue!

Minnesota, still for thee
Sons and daughters strong and true;

From thy woods and waters fair
From thy prairies waving far,

At thy call they throng
With their shout and song.

Hailing thee their Northern Star.

OUR MISSION:

The University of Minnesota Duluth integrates liberal education, research, creative activity, and public engagement and prepares students to thrive as lifelong learners and globally engaged citizens.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

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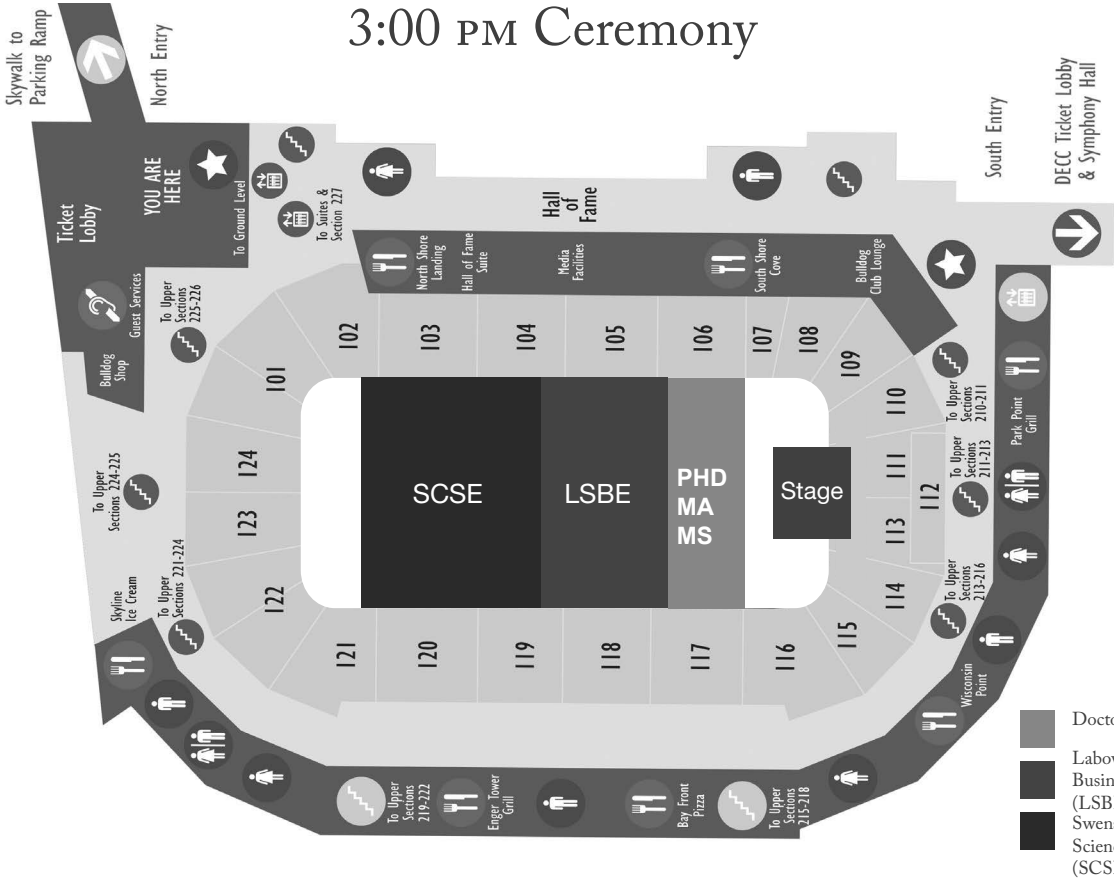
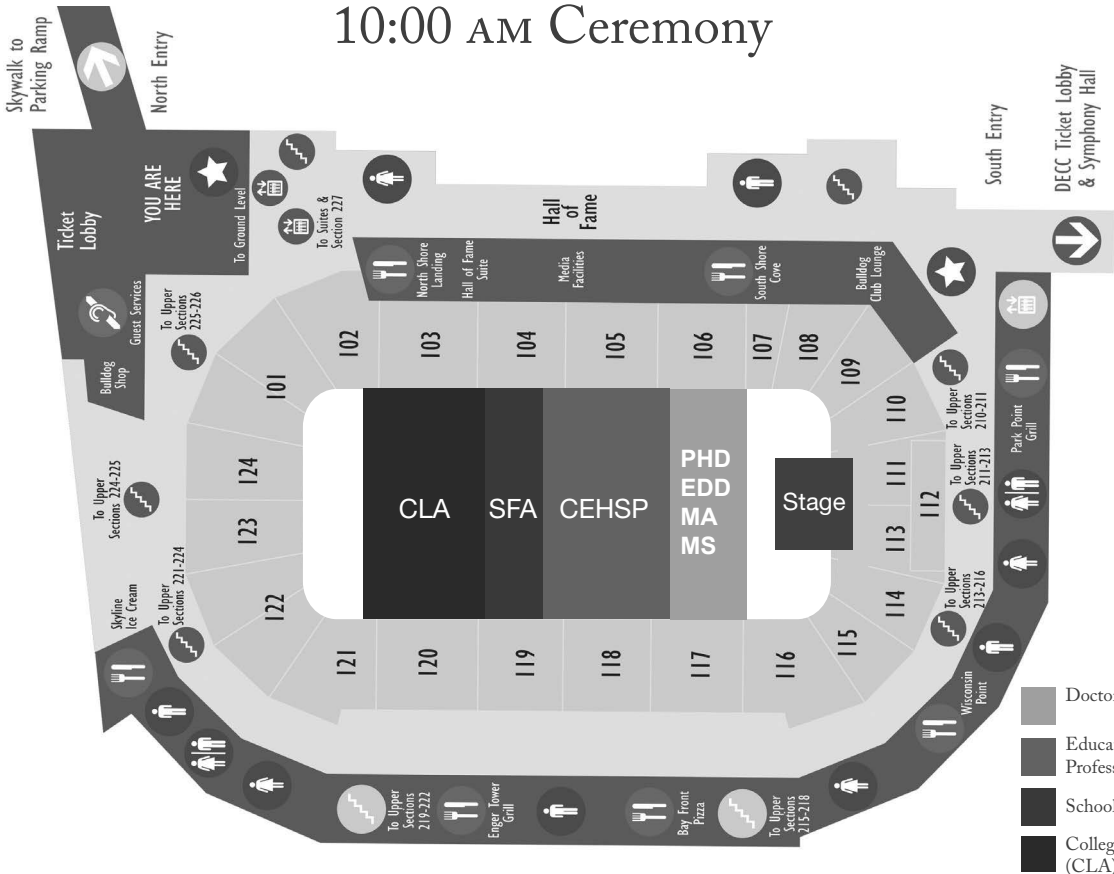
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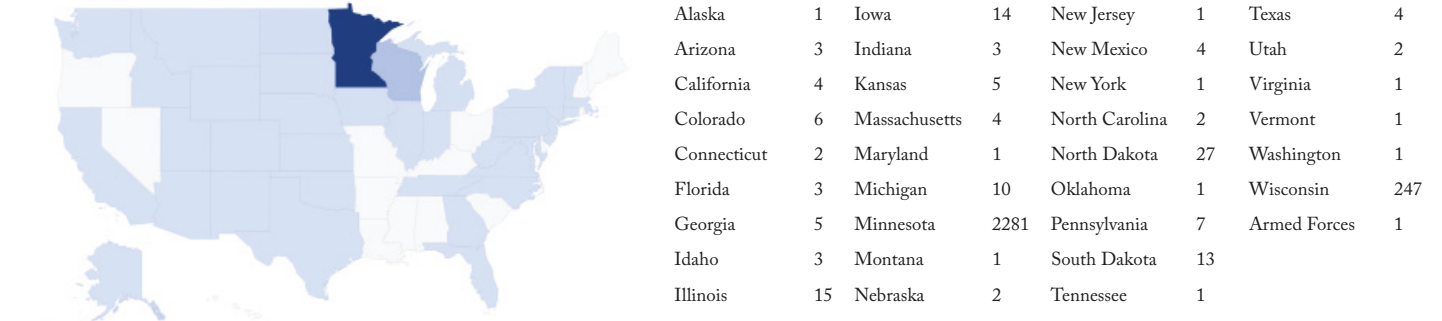
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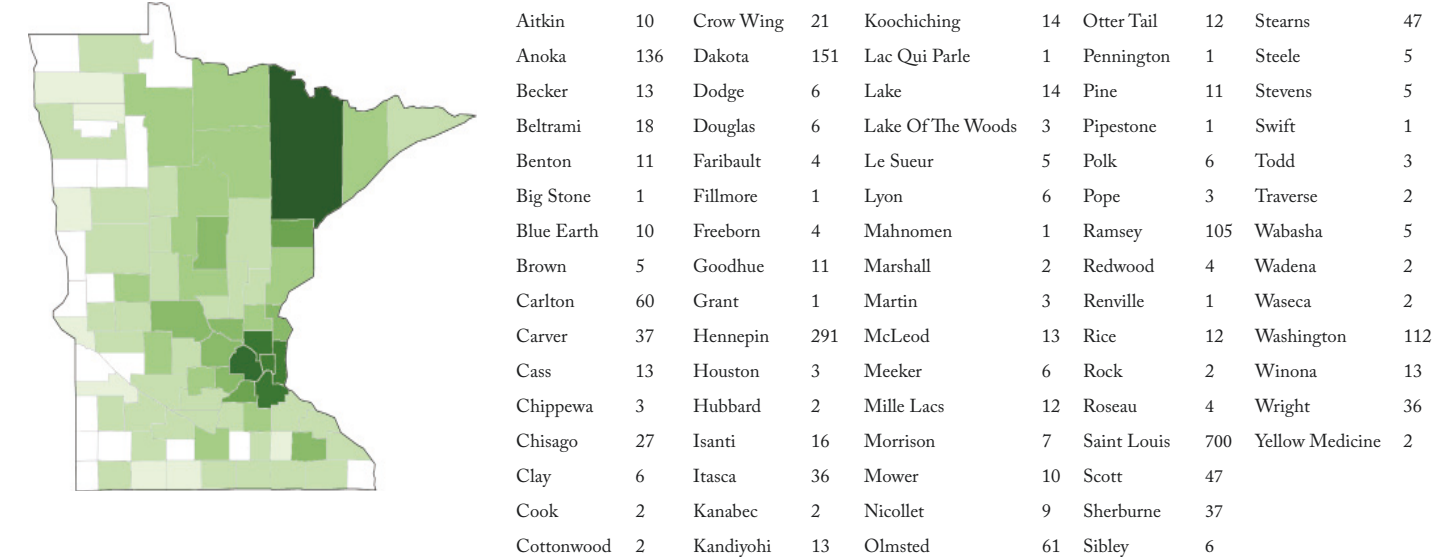
UMD GRADUATES: PEOPLE CONNECTING OUR WORLD

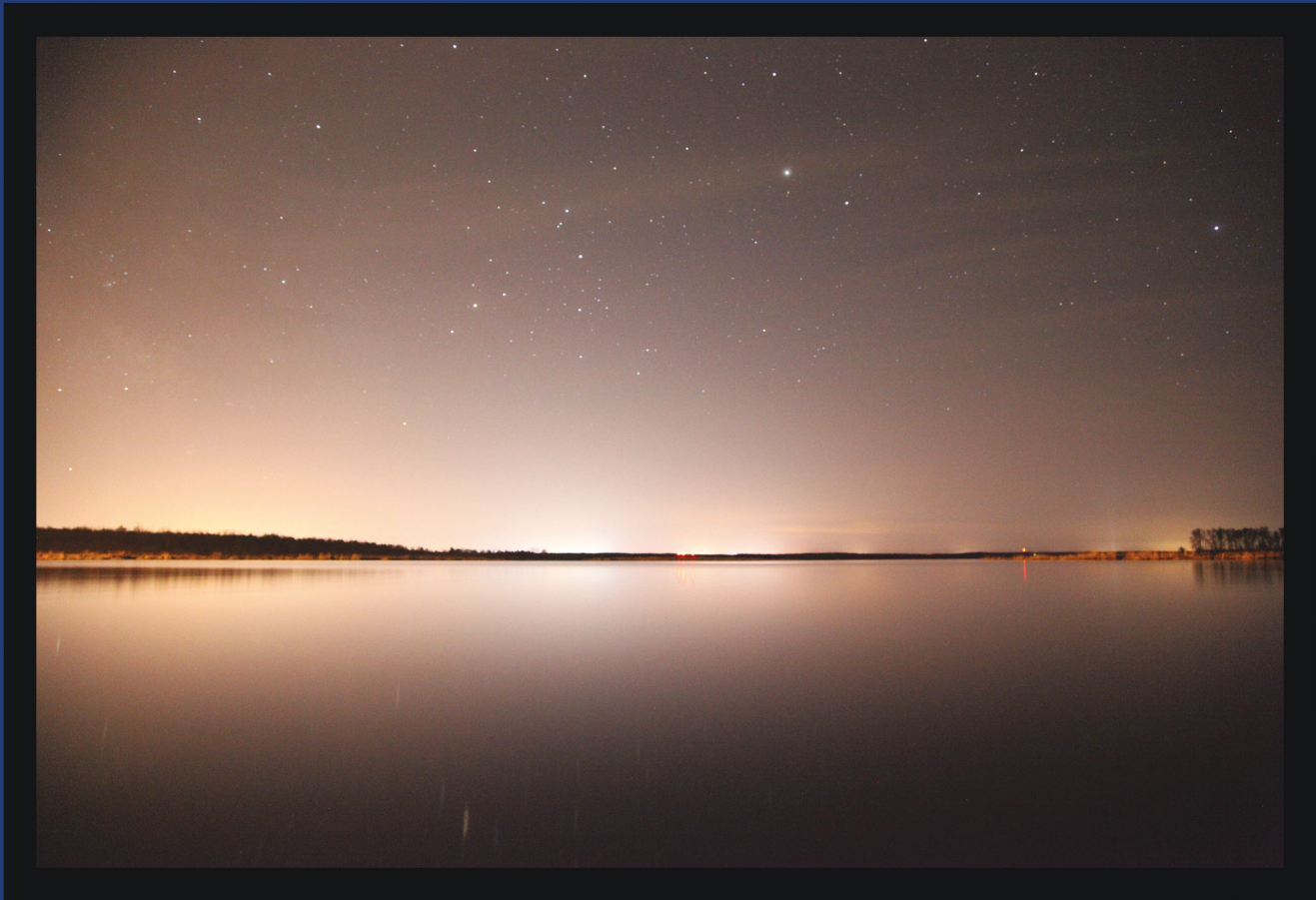


UNITED STATES



MINNESOTA COUNTIES





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President of Chinese Student & Scholar Association

"DeHua experimented extensively making photographs of the evening and dawn horizon on Lake Superior. In this one, we see the the sky filled with points of light, some bright and some more distant, a fitting metaphor for the many possibilities ahead for this year's graduating class."

- UMD Professor Gloria DeFilipps Brush

The University of Minnesota Duluth is proud to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates and join them in thanking every family member, friend, and loved one who has supported their learning, creative endeavors, research, growth, and dreams. Together we have collaborated to achieve goals and together we have moved our community toward social justice, equality, and respect for all. The spirit of possibility that starts anew today affirms our belief that the people of UMD can positively touch every corner of the globe. We thank you, our newest members of the UMD alumni family and look forward to following, supporting, and celebrating your life achievements.